

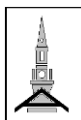
Anderson's Primary School Newsletter

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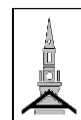
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Dear Parents/Carer,

A very warm welcome back to you all and 'hello' to those of you who are joining us for the first time either in P1 or in other year groups. The start of this school year sees us welcome two new members of staff to our team. Mr Mark Hopkirk will be teaching P6 and Mrs Anneli Marshall will be teaching P2/3 with Mrs McLeman.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28.8.24 – Meet the Teacher 6pm/6.30pm

9.9.24 – Parent Council meeting 7pm

4.10.24 – last day of term

21.10.24 – school re-opens

22.10.24 – individual photos

31.10.24 – Flu immunisations

8.11.24 – P4 class assembly

11.11.24 - In Service – school closed

12.11.24 – In Service – school closed

29.11.24 – Christmas Fayre – times tbc

10.12.24 – P3 Nativity – times tbc

17.12.24 – Church service – tbc

20.12.24 – last day of term

6.1.25 – school re-opens

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We are a 'nut free' school. Please check snacks and packed lunches do not contain any nut-based products e.g Nutella, pesto, satay etc

CLASS DOJO

This session to support teacher wellbeing, Dojo, messaging will be changed. If you have to pass on information to your child's class teacher - absence, appointment, Wider Achievement, personal/family news or to arrange a meeting then please call or email the school office. Teachers will continue to post class stories, class information, appeals for help for outdoor learning and upload pictures to pupil portfolios. Please note that any message you send via Dojo might not be read or responded to.

CLASSES

Class teachers are as follows –

P1T – Mrs Tulloch (Rm 2)

P1CT – Mrs Clark/Mrs Thomson (Rm 3)

P2 – Mrs Donegan (Rm 1)

P2/3 – Mrs Marshall/Mrs McLeman (Rm 4)

P3 – Mr Rutherford – (Rm 5)

P4 – Mrs Nelmes (Rm 9)

P4/5 – Mr Charles McKeating (Rm 8)

P5 – Miss Webster (Rm 6)

P6 – Mr Hopkirk (Rm 5)

P6/7 – Mrs McLeman/Mr Lunan (Rm 10)

P7 – Mrs Caldwell (Rm 13)

HEADLICE

Be vigilant about checking your child's hair each week for head lice. If you have any questions, you can ask your local pharmacist or contact the school nurse at the Health Centre.

MOBILE PHONES

Please remind your child that, if you allow them to take a mobile to school, it should be handed in to the school office/class teacher and collected at the end of the day. Mobile phones must not be used by pupils in school

PLAYGROUND

Please do not cycle or use scooters on the playground before or after school. Dogs are not to be taken on to the playground.

WET WEATHER

Please make sure your child brings a jacket to school in case of rain during break or lunch.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please register for iPay if you have not already done so. **All P1 to P5 children are eligible for universal free school meals.**

<http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file147882.pdf>

iPay can also be used to order and pay for school sweatshirts.

COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Parents of P1 children are eligible for a Best Start Grant. Details can be found on

<https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/>

Applications for school clothing grants and free school meals can be made following the guidance on Moray Council's website. If you think you may be entitled to a school clothing grant or free school meals, even with a child included in the universal offer you can still apply.

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55486.html

Moray Schoolbank supports families with school and winter clothes. This is a charitable organisation and they accept donations. You can find more information on their website - <https://www.morayschoolbank.org/>

Pre-loved school uniform is available in school for a small donation to the Parent Council. A small stock is available at the front door, this is topped up when items are available. There are also shoes available. We also welcome donations of dressing up outfits and Christmas jumpers.

Free period products are available in school; these are in the accessible toilet.

Free bus travel is available to all under 22 [Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme | How to apply | Transport Scotland](#)

For other help with finances contact - [Income Maximisation - Moray Council](#)

SCHOOL OFFICE

Our school office is open from 8.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Staff are not always available to answer the telephone and over lunchtime the office is not always attended. Please leave a message which will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Data Capture forms have been sent out, these detail your address, emergency contacts, medical conditions etc and include permissions for photos, email/internet etc. Many of the forms are coming back without indicating permissions. If you leave these blank then we will continue with the permissions you have given us previously. Please make sure all contacts are up to date and are aware they have been included on the form.

MEDICINES

Only prescribed medicine can be administered in school; medicine that has a pharmacy label with the child's name, and dosage, on it and is in date. We encourage parents to come into school to administer medicine to their child, or to ask a family member/friend to do so. If this is not possible we can do this for you. Please complete the appropriate paper work, available from the school office, before the prescribed medicine is handed in to school.



Finally, everyone here at Anderson's is looking forward to working together with you over this coming school year. Please get in touch if you think there is anything we can help you with.

Sara Neil
Head Teacher

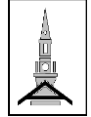
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